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H. R. 1242

To establish the American Veterans Congressional Internship Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. EVANS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To establish the American Veterans Congressional Internship Program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AMERICAN VETERANS CONGRESSIONAL IN-**
4 **TERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is hereby established
6 the American Veterans Congressional Internship Pro-
7 gram, under which each Member of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives may hire, for a period not to exceed 12
9 months, one additional employee who meets the eligibility

1 criteria described in subsection (b) to serve as the Amer-
2 ican Veteran Congressional Intern.

3 (b) CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—An individual is eligible to
5 serve as an American Veteran Congressional Intern
6 for the office of a Member of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives if the individual meets such criteria as
8 the Committee on House Administration may estab-
9 lish.

10 (2) SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND ASSUR-
11 ANCES.—Under the criteria established under para-
12 graph (1), an individual shall not be eligible to serve
13 as an Intern for the office of a Member of the House
14 of Representatives unless the individual provides the
15 following:

16 (A) A certification that the individual
17 served in the Armed Forces of the United
18 States or in the reserve components of the
19 armed forces.

20 (B) A certification that the individual was
21 honorably discharged from such service.

22 (c) COMPENSATION.—A Member of the House of
23 Representatives shall pay the American Veteran Congres-
24 sional Intern serving in the Member's office a total salary
25 of \$25,000, to be paid to the Intern at a rate of \$2,083.33

1 per month out of applicable accounts of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives.

3 **SEC. 2. NO EFFECT ON NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES OR MEM-**
4 **BER'S REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCE.**

5 The employment of an American Veteran Congres-
6 sional Intern by a Member of the House of Representa-
7 tives, and the payment of a salary to such an Intern by
8 a Member, shall be in addition to all personnel and allow-
9 ances otherwise made available to Members under other
10 provisions of law, rule, or other authority.

11 **SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.**

12 The Committee on House Administration shall pre-
13 scribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out
14 this Act.

15 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

16 In this Act, the term “Member of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives” includes a Delegate or Resident Commis-
18 sioner to Congress.

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